

It's officially fall in Tempe, which means that cooler weather, outdoor festivals, pumpkins galore and spooky spectacles are headed your way!

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Spend your evenings catching a flick in the park! The City of Tempe gives families a good reason to skip the theater on Friday nights and head to the [Movies in the Park](#) at [Kiwanis Park](#), Baseline Rd. and Ash Ave.

Bring the kids, a blanket and a picnic dinner to watch the following films on one of the largest inflatable screens in Arizona. Each movie begins at dusk (approximately 6 p.m.) in the north soccer field of the park.

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Oct. 9	Big Hero 6	PG
Oct. 16	Strange Magic	PG
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The free Movies in the Park movie series is presented by the City of Tempe and the [Tempe Diablos](#). The [Kyrene South Rotary Club](#) operates a concession stand where you may purchase delicious snacks at reasonable prices.



FREE
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Friday evenings
in October
at Kiwanis Park

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www.tempe.gov/movies



KIDS SWIM FREE

With cooler weather on its way and most pools already closed for the season, [Kiwanis Recreation Center](#) is giving kids the chance to enjoy the heated, calm waters of their indoor wave pool for free this fall!

The Mid-Day Kids Swim Free session is currently available from 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Monday–Thursday. Beginning Monday, Oct. 5, Kiwanis will add an Evening session that will run from 5:30–8 p.m. Monday–Thursday.

The Kids Swim Free promotion allows two children, ages 7 years and under, free admission to the pool with each paid adult admission. Adults, ages 13 years and older can swim to their heart's

delight for \$4, and additional children ages 2–12 years can splash the time away for just \$3.

For more information, visit www.Tempe.gov/Kiwanis or call 480-350-5201.



CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE AT TEMPE TARDEADA

This year's [Tardeada](#) marks the City of Tempe's 17th Annual Hispanic Heritage Festival. A tardeada is a social dance that is traditionally held on Sunday afternoons; this year's Tardeada is open from noon–8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4 within the [Tempe Community Center Complex](#), located on the southwest corner of Rural Rd. and Southern Ave. The event is the culmination of Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrates the

historical significance of Hispanics within the Tempe community.

This event features many free activities such as: Arizona's hottest Latin entertainment with live bands, dance shows and mariachis, arts and crafts, face painting, inflatables, The Game Truck, and the Tempe History Museum's Family Albums exhibit. Additionally, on-site food vendors sell delicious, authentic traditional fare at family-friendly prices.



BALLET UNDER THE STARS

Spend a relaxing evening under the gorgeous Arizona sky as [Ballet Arizona](#) continues its annual free season opening tradition with Ballet Under the Stars at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1 at the [Tempe Center for the Arts](#) Amphitheater.

Under the direction of Ib Anderson, Ballet Under the Stars performances showcase a combination of classical and contemporary works in a casual and unique outdoor setting, complete with a stage, lighting and costumes. The performance will feature the debut performance of works created by students attending nearby grade schools under the guidance of Ballet Arizona dancers.

Audiences are encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs and a picnic dinner to this family-friendly outdoor event.

KID ZONE FALL BREAK CAMP

This Oct. 5–9, the Kid Zone Enrichment Program will host its Fall Break Camp – complete with specialty classes, special events and field trips for elementary-age students. Young learners will have the opportunity to explore a variety of subjects including fine arts, sports, STEM, Spanish, nutrition and much more!

Campers can take-part in a three-day option for \$90, or a five-day option for \$120 (both require an additional \$10 activity fee). Camps meet from 6:30 a.m.–6 p.m. at two locations: [Arredondo Elementary School](#) within the Tempe Elementary School District, and [Kyrene de los Ninos Elementary School](#) within the Kyrene Elementary School District.

Current Kid Zone participants can register online at www.tempe.gov/kidzoneonline/login. New participants are invited to contact the Kid Zone office at 480-350-5405.



OKTOBERFEST

Get out those lederhosen and spend the weekend at the [43rd Annual Tempe Oktoberfest](#) down at [Tempe Beach Park](#). This three-day outdoor festival, held Friday–Sunday, Oct. 9–11, features a variety of German-themed attractions including: German beer and food, wine gardens, souvenirs, live music (think non-stop polka!), as well as activities for children in the Kinderfest area.

The 24th “das Frank Kush Oktoberfest Foot Race” will occur Saturday morning, and a crowd-pleasing wiener dog race will take the spotlight Sunday afternoon.

Tempe’s Oktoberfest is hosted by [Tempe Sister Cities](#), a non-profit organization that provides programs for international student/teacher exchanges and humanitarian projects.

Admission to Oktoberfest is free, and food and activity tickets may be purchased at the event. Visit www.tempeoktoberfest.com for more details including hours, entertainment schedule and parking.

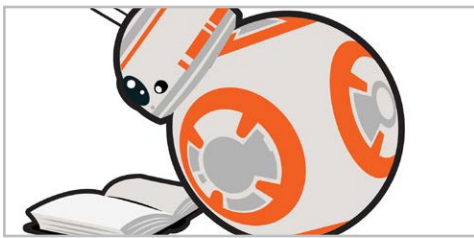


MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU!

While the Empire would most likely be displeased, Star Wars Reads Day—a celebration of a galaxy far, far away and the joy of reading—is back.

From 11 a.m.– noon on Saturday, Oct. 10, the [Tempe Public Library](#) will participate in the fourth annual installment of the global event. Join us in celebrating all things from the galaxy far, far away, as well as the joy of reading!

Come in costume and enjoy photo opportunities with the Rebel Legion and 501st Legion. BB-8 is ready. Are you?



HELLO FRIDAY

Join us Fridays from 6–8 p.m. at Tempe's hidden gem of a happy hour at the Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway. Enjoy music, specialty drinks, chef-inspired affordable bites and vintage games while overlooking stunning Tempe Town Lake. There is no cover charge. Visit www.tempe.gov/TCA.



FREE ART FRIDAY

Boys and ghouls, families and friends are welcome to play, create and be scary at the [Free Art Friday](#) “Wild West Ghost Town” from 9:30–11:30 a.m., Oct. 23 at the Edna Vihel Activities Center, 3340 S. Rural Rd.

Enjoy a free, leisurely morning of activities that explore the “Wild West Ghost Town” theme through art projects, movement activities and music. Kids will visit our spooky western town and make ghostly fun crafts, practice lassoing a pony and become ghost riders in the sky.

Come dressed in your Halloween best and get ready to have a spook-tacular time! No registration necessary.

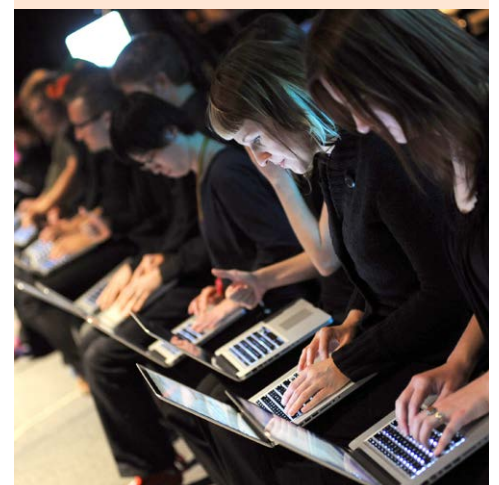
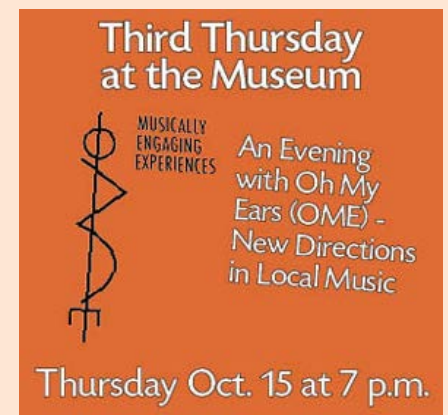


REVAMPED THIRD THURSDAY

What is part coffeehouse, part artist and performing venue, part history lesson and community forum? The revamped Third Thursday at the Museum!

The new series will launch at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15 at the [Tempe History Museum](#) and will feature Oh My Ears – new directions in local music with Elizabeth Kennedy Bayer and Friends. The local non-profit is dedicated to new music, education and the community.

Scheduled to perform are a subset of the Echo Canyon Chamber Ensemble, LORKAS (Laptop Orchestra of Arizona State) and Parker Davis on electric guitar.



GETTIN' TECHIE WITH IT

Test drive the latest gadgets at the inaugural Tech Fair from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24, at the [Tempe Public Library](#), 3500 S. Rural Rd. Attendees will learn how to access the digital resources now available at the library, including e-books, magazines, databases and more.

AZSciTech will lead STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) experiments, while local video game designers share about programming and demo their games. Be sure to check out the 3-D printers, Robots, gadget table and more! Visit www.tempe.gov/library.



PYLE ARTS & CRAFT BOUTIQUE

Get a jump-start on your holiday shopping at the Pyle Arts and Crafts Boutique on from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 23, and 9 a.m.–3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24, located within the [Pyle Adult Center](#). This popular annual event features artists and crafters who specialize in handmade items, original artwork, holiday gifts and more! Food and snacks will be available for purchase, while live entertainment and prize drawings are sure to get you into the spirit of the season.

HALLOWEEN ADVENTURE AT THE ESCALANTE COMMUNITY CENTER

A special Halloween-themed adventure will be held from 6–8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 23 at the Escalante Community Center, 2150 E. Orange St. There will be fun activities for the whole family, including crafts, carnival games, a costume contest, music and more.

Admission is \$3 per person. Children 5 and under are free. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/Escalante or call 480-350-5800.



TEMPE'S 38TH ANNUAL FAMILY HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Your family will have a bewitching good time at Tempe's 38th Annual [Family Halloween Carnival](#). Join us from 5–9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24 at the South Soccer Fields at [Kiwanis Park](#), Guadalupe Rd. and All-America Way.

The Halloween Carnival features live entertainment, carnival-style games, face painting, food booths, train rides, inflatables, "Tot Town" a toddler-friendly play area and much more!

Admission to the Family Halloween Carnival is free. Tickets are required for food and game booths and may be purchased for 25-cents apiece. Booths are operated by local civic

organizations as a fundraiser. Most activities require three-to-four tickets.

Be sure to dress-up and enter the Halloween costume contest for your chance of winning fabulous prizes.

There are lot of different age ranges and costume categories to participate in.

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COME OUT & PLAY!

The newly renovated Fiesta Playground at [Kiwanis Park](#) is a great place to go to spend time with family and friends this fall.

The playground features new play equipment for various age groups (from tots to teens), including swing sets, slides, play structures with suspended rope bridges, “spinners”, an 80-foot zip line and much more!

Improvements also include updated color palettes, lighting, shade structures, trash receptacles, drinking fountains, benches and picnic tables, as well as ADA-compliant sidewalks and rubber surfacing.



HALLOWEEN MOONLIGHT PADDLE

Come on down to Tempe Town Lake for a spooky adventure from 6–8 p.m. on Fri, Oct. 30 at [SRP Town Lake Marina](#). In addition to an evening paddling on the water, prepare yourself for an array of spine-chilling stories, told by a professional storyteller. Bring clothes you don't mind getting wet, a towel and dry clothes. Kayaks, equipment, and PFD's will be provided. Costumes are welcomed and encouraged. Youth ages 10–17 must be accompanied by an adult and are \$20; adults 18 yrs+ are \$35. Use barcode 46719 to register at [www.tempe.gov/brochure](#).



TEMPE GAIN NIGHT

The Tempe [GAIN Night](#) scheduled from 3–7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17 gives each participating Tempe neighborhood the chance to invite residents to gather, talk and get to know each other better. When neighbors know and care about each other, they feel more comfortable reporting crime and suspicious activity to the Tempe Police Department.

Want to host a Tempe GAIN Night in your neighborhood? Register online at [www.Tempe.gov/GAIN](#).



TEMPE OLD SETTLERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GATHERING

For more than a century, longtime Tempe residents have gathered for an annual reunion to socialize and share memories. From 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17, the Tempe Old Settlers Association will hold its annual celebration in the cafeteria of Tempe

High School, [1730 S. Mill Ave.](#) Guests are asked to bring a potluck dish to share. Old Settlers members must have been born in Tempe or have lived in the city for at least 30 years. For more information, call Councilmember Joel Navarro at 480-688-9907.



MONSTER MASH

Enjoy a frightfully good time scaring up funds...for charity! The Centers for Habilitation (TCH) will host their 5th Annual Monster Mash from 6:30–10 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17 at the SRP PERA Club, 1 E. Continental Drive.

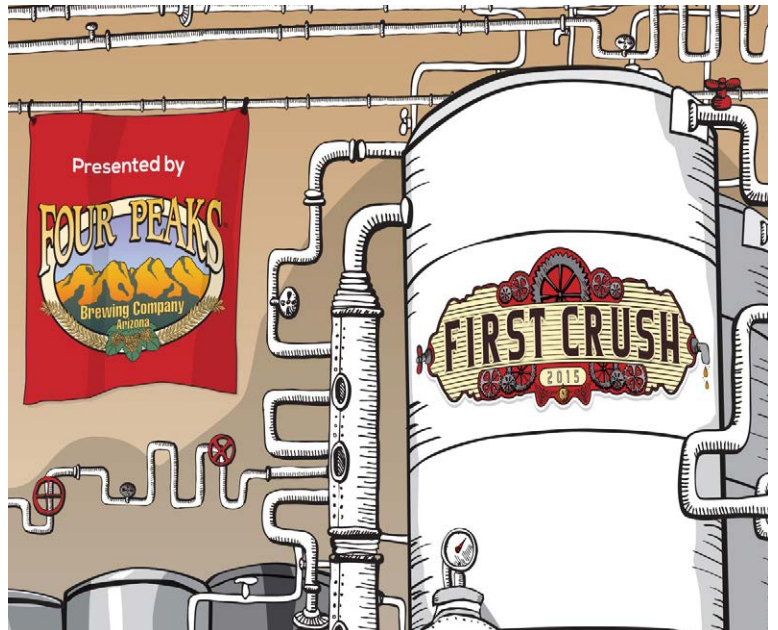
Proceeds from the event will support employment programs for people with disabilities. Get your tickets for this CARNEvil-themed event at [www.TCHMash.com](#). For more information, contact Dawn Hocking with TCH at 480-730-4221 or at [dawnhocking@tch-az.com](#).

TCAA FIRST CRUSH GALA

The 11th Annual First Crush Charity Gala from 6–9 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 23 at [Four Peaks Tasting Room](#), will support the Tempe Community Action Agency (TCAA) a nonprofit leader in providing human services to East Valley residents since 1966. The TCAA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for the underserved in our community including low-income families, children, seniors and the homeless.

This event will feature Four Peaks beers, local wines, and tasty food from local Tempe restaurants, including Four Peaks Brewing Company and Snooze. Walt Richardson will be featured as the musical entertainment for the evening.

First Crush tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased at <http://tempeaction.org/events/first-crush/>.



To receive up-to-date information about exciting events and opportunities happening between Connecting Tempe newsletters, become a fan of Tempe Opportunities on [Facebook](#).

SAVE THE DATE

Mon.–Thurs. | Now thru Dec. 3

[Kids Swim Free at Kiwanis](#)

11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. and 5:30–8 p.m.

[Kiwanis Wave Pool](#)

Fridays

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Friday, Oct. 30

[Glow Paddle](#)

7–9 p.m.; [SRP Town Lake Marina](#)



City of Tempe

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